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SUMMARY: PROSPECTIVE EC COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE AND  
FISHERIES FINN GUNDELACH EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS ON HIS NEW JOB  
TO A DANISH JOURNALIST. HE DISCUSSED HIS OWN FEELINGS WITH  
RESPECT TO HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL  
POLICY AND FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS. BECAUSE THE INTERVIEW  
MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE,  
ITS MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS ARE BEING REPORTED FOR ADDRESSEES'  
INFORMATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HANS DAM, BERLINGSKE TIDENDE'S  
BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT, FINN GUNDELACH DISCUSSED HIS  
THOUGHTS ABOUT THE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES HE IS EXPECTED  
TO RECEIVE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. GUNDELACH SAID  
THAT HE WOULD HAVE MUCH PREFERRED TO CONTINUE THE WORK  
HE WAS PRESENTLY DOING OR TO MOVE INTO THE EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS AREA OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT THAT AS A MEMBER OF

THE 13-MEMBER TEAM HE FELT COMPELLED TO ACCEPT THE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES HE IS TO BE GIVEN OR ELSE TO RESIGN. HE SAID THAT SHOULD IT DEVELOP THAT THE REQUIRED POLITICAL WILL TO RESOLVE THE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS OF THE COMMUNITY IS NOT DEMONSTRATED, HE WOULD RESIGN FROM THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MINISTRY. POINTING OUT THAT HE DID NOT SEEK THIS JOB, HE INDICATED HE WOULD NOT RUIN HIS HEALTH IN VAIN.

2. GUNDELACH SAID THE MAJOR PROBLEM FACING HIM WOULD BE TO CHANGE THE SITUATION WHEREBY INEFFICIENT FARMERS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES WERE ABLE TO EXERT PRESSURE TO FIX FARM PRICES.. HE SAID THIS COMMENT WAS NOT DIRECTED AT THE DANISH SMALLHOLDERS. IT WAS TRUE THAT THE HIGH LEVEL OF DANISH COSTS MADE DANISH AGRICULTURE LESS COMPETITIVE THAN IT WOULD OTHERWISE BE, BUT THIS WAS A DANISH PROBLEM, HE SAID. THE MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS SYSTEM AND NATIONAL SUBSIDIES HAD A DISTORTING EFFECT ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND A SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND TO THESE PROBLEMS. ONE PART OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM MUST BE RESOLVED IN GERMANY WHICH, AS A RESULT OF LARGE STATE SUBSIDIES AND THROUGH THE MONETARY COMPENSATORY AMOUNTS SYSTEM, HAD ACHIEVED A LEVEL OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS IT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE REACHED, GUNDELACH SAID THAT THE EC AGRICULTURAL POLICY'S MAIN PRINCIPLES SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED BUT THAT THE COMPLICATED EC SYSTEM REQUIRED A FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW AND GREATER POLITICAL COMMITMENT FROM THE MEMBER COUNTRIES THAN THEY HAD SO FAR EVIDENCED.

3. WITH RESPECT TO FISHERIES, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, UNCLASSIFIED

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GUNDELACH SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR 60 PERCENT OF THE SOVIET FISHING FLEET TO LEAVE THE COMMON MARKET'S SEAS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD RESPECTED ICELAND'S 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT AND HAD ENTERED INTO FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH THE US AND NORWAY, AMONG OTHERS. MOREOVER, THE EC WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED FISHING BY A PART OF THE RUSSIAN FLEET IN THE EC WATERS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1977 AND HE HOPED THAT LASTING NEGOTIATIONS FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS COULD BE INITIATED BEFORE THE FIRST OF APRIL.

4. WITH RESPECT TO GREENLAND AND BORNHOLM, MR. GUNDELACH STATED THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS IN EXISTENCE ON THE FISHERIES IN THE BALTIC AND THAT IT WAS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE BORNHOLM FISHERMEN WOULD BE EVICTED BY RECENT SOVIET ACTION. ON GREENLAND, GUNDELACH SAID THAT THE ISLAND WOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND, IF NECESSARY, SUPPORT FOR THE BUILDING UP OF AN EFFECTIVE FISHERY INSPECTION SERVICE.

5. IN CONCLUSION, MR. GUNDELACH SAID THAT THE NINE MEMBERS  
OF THE EC WERE INCLINED TO HOLD TOO NARROW NATIONAL VIEWS.  
EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY BROKE DOWN TOO OFTEN AND POLITICAL  
FORESIGHT WAS OFTEN LACKING. THIS WAS NOT ONLY TRUE OF  
THE BIG COUNTRIES BUT OF LITTLE ONES LIKE DENMARK.  
ALL TENDED TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE OVERALL CONCEPT NECESSARY  
TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY WORK.  
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